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MEDICAL SOCIETY ELECTIONS

For all of you who are too shy to run for Society or Class President, here are descriptions of some of the positions that will be decided at the Joint Meeting of the Med Assembly, April 13. Remember, nominations are open now. (A complete list of positions is posted downstairs beside the Med. Soc. Office. Nominations close April 10.)

Assembly Chairperson - runs Assembly meetings according to the agenda, constitution and meeting procedure. Can be very influential!

Daffydil Producer - selects director, personnel, manages the budget and works with writers & directors. Has overall responsibility for the show and a free trip to Hollywood (just joking-forget the trip!)

Arts & Letters Chairperson - organizes cultural events for students and trips to outside cultural performances. Well known for arranging great eating extravaganzas! Manages funds from Med. Society & Alumni Assoc'n.

Admissions Committee - 4 people attend meetings to award scholarships and bursaries to applicants.

Textbook Review - heads committee to find ways of reducing textbook costs: exchanges, publisher or book-store deals, encouraging profs to make syllabus notes, etc.

Positions Filled by Yr I students (Class 8T4):

Treasurer - responsible for all finances of the Society from May 1 to April 31 the following year
- records all transactions, receiving & discharging all accounts of Society & subsidiary organizations
- prepares budget and annual report

- is Acting Exec. Secretary until Exec. Sec. elected in the Fall Election
- is a member of the Med. Assembly Executive

UMCC member (Undergrad Medical Curriculum Committee)

- elected from class 8T4 & holds position for 2 yr.
- attends bimonthly meetings to review courses & tries to improve them
- reviews, summarizes student evaluations, seeks student opinion, helps choose course coordinators.

More job descriptions to follow?

Laura Cruz (CRO)

MWA Elections: Please hand in nominations with two signatures.

MWA President: ~ responsible for formulating and implementing a budget to be used for the athletic and women's affairs programs. Please put nomination in the "Nomination Box" in the Med Society Office.

MWA Vice-president: Class Reps for Years 2, 3 and 4, and Curators for field hockey, football, ice hockey, basketball, volleyball, soccer, innertube waterpolo, and women's affairs. Please put nominations in MWA slot on the wall in the Med Society Office.

ARTS AND LETTERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Arts and Letters Writing Contest.

The winners of the Medical Alumni prose awards are: 1st Prize- David Malkin, 8T4; 2nd- Nigel Jagán, 8T3; 3rd- Robert Hegele, 8T1. The winners of the Medical Alumni poetry awards are: 1st Prize- Harry Zeit, 8T2; 2nd- Paul Walden, 8T4; 3rd- Harley Hahn, 8T4. Thanks to everyone who submitted their work and to Marian Engel, Writer-in-Residence, who judged the contest.

Don't forget to let Christa Jeney, 8T3, know if you wish to perform in Music Night, April 10th. Phone 445-0201.

MSD Fund: Is that birthmark really a malignant melanoma? What about that tracheal midline pimple that feels like a thyroglossal duct cyst? And that recent umbilical pain? You know what I'm talking about--- MSD! Yes, Medical Students' Disease, that debilitating syndrome which affects all medical students, young and old alike.

The latest reports fabricated by the epidemiologists at the McMurrich Building have shown a direct relationship between knowledge accumulated and disease risk. Keen medical students are affected more often and with greater

severity. There is little concern about first year students since their knowledge is negligible. Year 2 students are affected only by cardiopulmonary symptoms, which are usually transient and give way to GI, GU and ophthalmologic symptoms in third year. Year 4 students go straight to the O.R.

Experiments on severely combined immunodepressed bunnies of the Dutch Dwarf variety have been enlightening but really not that important. Advantages of radical surgery are not clear-cut. Opted-out physicians are calling for government intervention.

In summary, MSD, with its discouraging 5-year survival rate of 40%, has risen to startling proportions. So next time your constrictive pericarditis with tricuspid stenosis acts up, give generously to MSD Research.

Grsham Woolf, 8T3.

THE MEDICAL STUDENT IN PERSPECTIVE: LIFESTYLE ISSUES

One of the popular misconceptions that circulate about medical students is that they are creatures whose life rarely extends beyond medical school. In an attempt to shatter this image, Questionnaire 'C' dealt with topics not directly associated with medical school such as housing, finances and nutrition.

Between 31 and 43% of students live at home (greatest in year 2, least in year 3) and presumably their rent is relatively inexpensive. Of those students not living at home, over half are paying more than \$200.00/month rent. Half to two-thirds of all respondents consider their rent to be moderately to very expensive. In years 2 and 3, 20% of respondents were dissatisfied with their present living arrangements compared to 8% in year 1.

For years 1 through 3 respectively, 41, 26 and 25% thought a 'medical student residence' was needed. With regard to diet, 43% in year 1, 15% in year 2 and 33% in year 3 do not think they consume a well-balanced diet. The general feeling was that insufficient time and/or motivation were the greatest causes of this.

Between 25 and 40% of students surveyed rely on their parents or other family members for financial support. Students in later years are more dependent on student loans for funding, while students in earlier years are more able to fall back on their personal assets.

Barry Englehardt, Howard Rudner, Elliott Weiss

jury- medical students who fail appeal to this jury for reconsideration

If you still don't see anything you like wait for the next suricle.
Laurs Cruz (CRO)

At the last meeting of the Medical Society the term of Treasurer (of the Society, not the classes) was changed so that the person elected in April will serve from September to August 31, so that his/her term will coincide with the budget year, and there is plenty of time for on-the-job training.

Bruce Menchions (Treasurer)

The Medical Student in Perspective- Lifestyle Issues:

There are many dimensions to explore when examining a medical student's life and well-being. Relationships, or more specifically one's romantic involvements could be considered both an interesting and important issue worthy of discussion. In questionnaire B, two-thirds of respondents over the three years felt that they were 'moderately or very satisfied' with the romantic relationship that they had in their life. The number of people involved romantically at the time of the survey (late Fall/80) was greatest in 3rd year and least in 1st year (yr 1-32%, yr 2-50%, yr 3-78% involved). Less than 10% of all respondents described their relationships as 'unsatisfying'.

Both the quantity and quality of friendships are also relevant areas to explore. In each of the 3 years, 82% of the respondents (of survey B) were satisfied with the quality and extent of present friendships. In 1st year, compared to the later two years, medical students make up a smaller proportion of friends. In all 3 years less than 15% of friends were either non-university or working people who were not formerly school colleagues.

Berry Engelhardt, Howard Rudner, Elliott Weiss 8T2

Medical Women's Association- Elections 81/82:

All nominations must include your name, position, and 2 signatures. Any women in medicine or art as applied to medicine are eligible.

MWA President-Responsible for determining and implementing an annual budget for the MWA's athletic and women's affairs programmes. Responsible for organizing the annual MWA banquet and attends all Medical Society meetings. Please place your nomination in the metal box on the counter in the Med. Soc. Office. Deadline is April 1.

MWA Vice President~ Represents medical women at the monthly interfaculty womens athletic meetings and is the liaison between the Dept. of Athletics and Recreation and female medical students.

MWA Curators, Class Reps (yr2, 3 and 4) Curators are needed for the following- field hockey, football, basketball, volleyball, ice hockey, innertube waterpolo, squash, individual sports, and women's affairs.

Please place nominations in the file folder in the MWA slot in the wall in the Med. Soc. Office. Don't procrastinate, participate

Palpitations at the Podium?

Dear Corpus Callosum:

I am a second year medical student with a big person. Although I have no trouble speaking in front of people on a casual basis, whenever I have to make a formal presentation (ie- presenting patients in the hospital), I get very nervous. What can I do to resolve this problem?

Signed, Pheo C. Cytoma

Dear Pheo,

Calm down. Relax. Your adrenaline is working overtime. What you need is a course in public speaking to improve your confidence.

Signed, C.C.

If you have a similar problem, and would be interested in hearing more about the course, contact Jack at 638-0795

Jack Lefkowitz 8T3

I'm looking for someone to share an apartment with a 3rd year Dent student and a 2nd year Med student at LuCliff Place (Bay and Gerrard). The apartment is available for April, but let me know if you would be interestem in moving in later. For more information call Greg at 5960626.

Don Baumann's Spot Diagnosis:

A 63-year-old man walks into your office complaining of gout, lower back pain, hematuria, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. You remove his kidney and di'cover the following.

Diagnosis???





It was a difficult season for the Doctors of Dribble. Bruce Stanners was unable to play. Mark "Sparky" Atin was re-recruited by Meds A. Howard "Duke" Marans was never totally healthy, though when it counted he gave what he had. This

team been beaten by Wycliffe this past week in the quarter finals as Sam Backlin led his team to victory. Steve Lax, who earlier in the season was involved in a confrontation with the Athletic Centre, came to play despite the flu. Frustrated and short of breath, he fouled out. Neil Stretch, the aging veteran, left his wife and child at home to pull one more game out of his body. Joel "Special K" Krivy and Brad Strauas, the backcourt duo and anchors of the offence, gave their hearts and their bodies. Strauss, the spiritual leader of the team, tried unsuccessfully to rally his teammates as time ticked away. Let us forget this reporter who contributed in his own small way. On this night, however, we were not enough to overcome Wycliffe.

The Meds A hockey team played strongly all year. In their quarterfinal playoff game, they were leading their favoured opponent 2-1 with two minutes to play when the referee called two penalties against them. With four seconds to play, Meds was tied 2-2, and in sudden death overtime lost 3-2. The entire team deserves credit for their efforts. Meds B hockey is still alive. In intramural play, the 8T2 Bladea have continued their strong play of the regular season in the playoffs, and 8T3, despite a 10-1 hammering, hope to take advantage of an illegal player to advance against Physa-ed. Meds A volleyball, Meds A basketball and the 8T3 intramural team, Meds Pistols, were all shot down. Nuff said?

Medical Christian Fellowship Meeting: Dr. Gibson of the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre will speak on "Does Christ have any competition", this Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. All welcome.

Frat Members: Come to our St. Patrick's Day feast at the Monk's Restaurant, 17 Balmuto St., Tues., March 17 at 6:00 p.m. Please notify Duncan Scott if you'll be attending.

Post- St. Patrick's Day T.G.I.W.: Come out and relax after classes at the Arta and Letters T.G.I.W., Wednesday, March 18. A live band will be playing for us. See you all there, in the Alumni Lounge.

What's Up Doc? This year's Open House will be held Saturday March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at MSB. Admission is free.

Quote of the week: "Pigeons are nothing more than rats on wings."

H. Velland, 11/3/81

This week's editor.... Megan Sykes.